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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
 COUNTY DEPARTMENT, LAW DIVISION

DAVID MARTINEZ,

Plaintiff,

vs.

O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE ENTERPRISES,  
 LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company; and  
 VAQUERO FRANKLIN PARK PARTNERS, LP,  
 a Texas Limited Partnership,

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*Plaintiff demands a trial by jury.*

COMPLAINT AT LAW

COUNT I

NEGLIGENCE – O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE ENTERPRISES, LLC

Plaintiff, DAVID MARTINEZ, by and through his attorneys, MOKICI, LONGO, &  
 ASSOCIATES, and complaining of Defendant, O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE ENTERPRISES,  
 LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company (hereinafter "O'REILLY"), states as follows:

1. On and before April 21, 2024, Defendant O'REILLY was a Delaware Limited Liability Company in the business of owning, operating, managing, maintaining and/or controlling an auto parts retail store open to the public known as "O'Reilly Auto Parts" located at 9659 West Grand Avenue in Village of Franklin Park, County of Cook, and State of Illinois.
2. On and before April 21, 2024, Defendant O'REILLY maintained certain public parking spaces immediately adjacent to a public sidewalk that runs in an east-west direction along the southside of Grand Avenue in the Village of Franklin Park, County of Cook, and State of Illinois.



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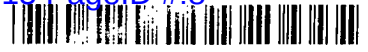
3. On and before April 21, 2024, Defendant O'REILLY set up moveable posts with signs on them at the front of each of the aforesaid parking spaces adjacent to the aforesaid sidewalk in order to identify the parking spaces as being for the exclusive use of O'REILLY customers.
4. On and before April 21, 2024, Defendant O'REILLY had actual and constructive notice of the fact that one or more of the posts used for the parking signs was in gross disrepair by virtue of being bent in such a way that one or more of the posts were not maintained in an upright position and instead protruded over the surrounding area, including over the aforesaid public sidewalk that runs in an east-west direction along the southside of Grand Avenue in the Village of Franklin Park, County of Cook, and State of Illinois.
5. On and before April 21, 2024, Defendant O'REILLY had actual and/or constructive knowledge that the posts hanging over the aforesaid public sidewalk constituted a tripping hazard and a dangerous condition, and that it could in no way constitute an open and obvious condition to anyone who encountered it in the evening when it was dark outside.
6. On the evening of April 21, 2024, at approximately 9:00 p.m., Plaintiff, DAVID MARTINEZ, was lawfully walking eastbound on a public sidewalk along the south side of Grand Avenue in the Village of Franklin Park, County of Cook, and State of Illinois.
7. On the evening of April 21, 2024, at approximately 9:00 p.m., as he lawfully walked eastbound on the public sidewalk on south side of Grand Avenue, Plaintiff DAVID MARTINEZ tripped over one of the aforesaid posts that was protruding over the public sidewalk, causing him to fall and sustain injuries.
8. On and before April 21, 2024, Defendant knew or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known that individuals walking on the public sidewalk along the southside of Grand



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Avenue would not expect to encounter a post hanging over the sidewalk and would not be able to see or appreciate said post in the evening when it was dark, and had such notice and awareness of the dangerous condition it created and sufficient time to remedy the condition prior to Plaintiff's subsequent encounter with it.

9. On and before April 21, 2024, the Defendant had a duty to exercise reasonable care toward individuals using the public sidewalk it was encumbering with its post, including Plaintiff.
10. On and before April 21, 2024, notwithstanding said duty, Defendant O'REILLY was negligent in one or more of the following aspects:
  - a) Created an unreasonably dangerous trip and fall hazard;
  - b) Placed a post on its premises that hung over the adjacent sidewalk;
  - c) Failed to make a reasonable inspection of the aforesaid premises, when the Defendant knew or should have known, that said inspection was necessary to prevent injury to the Plaintiff;
  - d) Failed to warn or otherwise protect persons, such as the Plaintiff of the unreasonably dangerous condition;
  - e) Failed to perform proper maintenance on said post so that it could remain in an upright position;
  - f) Allowed its post to hang over a public sidewalk;
  - g) Allowed its post to remain out after its regular business hours where poor visibility would prevent pedestrians from appreciating the post;
  - h) Tucked the round base of the aforesaid posts directly underneath parking bumpers when it knew or should have known that such placement would result in parking cars hitting the posts, causing them to bend or otherwise threaten the safety of pedestrians using the adjacent sidewalk.
11. That as a direct and proximate result of one or more of the foregoing negligent and/or omissions, Plaintiff sustained injuries of a personal, permanent and pecuniary nature and, the Plaintiff then and there suffered severe and permanent injury, both externally and



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internally, was and will in the future be hindered from attending to his usual duties and affairs, suffered and will in the future suffer great pain and anguish, in both mind and in body, and, expended and will in the future expend large sums of money for medical care and services while endeavoring to become healed and cured of said injuries.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, DAVID MARTINEZ, prays that judgment be entered against the Defendant, O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE ENTERPRISES, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, for an amount in excess of jurisdictional limits established by this court, plus the costs of this suit.

## COUNT II

### PREMISES LIABILITY – O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE ENTERPRISES, LLC

Plaintiff, DAVID MARTINEZ, by and through his attorneys, MORICI, LONGO, & ASSOCIATES, and complaining of Defendant, O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE ENTERPRISES, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, (hereinafter "O'REILLY") states as follows:

- 1 On and before April 21, 2024, Defendant O'REILLY was a Delaware Limited Liability Company in the business of owning, operating, managing, maintaining and/or controlling an auto parts retail store open to the public known as "O'Reilly Auto Parts" located at 9659 West Grand Avenue in Village of Franklin Park, County of Cook, and State of Illinois.
- 2 On and before April 21, 2024, Defendant O'REILLY maintained certain customer parking spaces immediately adjacent to a public sidewalk that runs in an east-west direction along the southside of Grand Avenue in the Village of Franklin Park, County of Cook, and State of Illinois.
- 3 On and before April 21, 2024, Defendant O'REILLY set up moveable posts with signs on them at the front of each of the aforesaid parking spaces adjacent to the aforesaid sidewalk



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in order to identify the parking spaces as being for the exclusive use of O'REILLY customers.

4. On and before April 21, 2024, Defendant O'REILLY had actual and constructive notice of the fact that one or more of the posts used for the parking signs was in gross disrepair by virtue of being bent in such a way that one or more of the posts were not maintained in an upright position and instead protruded over the surrounding area, including over the aforesaid public sidewalk that runs in an east-west direction along the southside of Grand Avenue in the Village of Franklin Park, County of Cook, and State of Illinois.
5. On and before April 21, 2024, Defendant O'REILLY had actual and/or constructive knowledge that the posts hanging over the aforesaid public sidewalk constituted a tripping hazard and a dangerous condition, and that it would in no way constitute an open and obvious condition to anyone who encountered it in the evening when it was dark outside.
6. On the evening of April 21, 2024, at approximately 9:00 p.m., Plaintiff, DAVID MARTINEZ, was lawfully walking eastbound on a public sidewalk along the south side of Grand Avenue in the Village of Franklin Park, County of Cook, and State of Illinois.
7. On the evening of April 21, 2024, at approximately 9:00 p.m., as he lawfully walked eastbound on the public sidewalk on south side of Grand Avenue, Plaintiff DAVID MARTINEZ tripped over one of the aforesaid posts that was protruding over the public sidewalk causing him to fall and sustain injuries.
8. On and before April 21, 2024, Defendant knew or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known that individuals walking on the public sidewalk along the southside of Grand Avenue would not expect to encounter a post hanging over the sidewalk and would not be able to see or appreciate said post in the evening when it was dark, and had such notice and



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awareness of the dangerous condition it created and sufficient time to remedy the condition prior to Plaintiff's subsequent encounter with it.

9. On and before April 21, 2024, the Defendant had a duty to maintain its premises, including the aforesaid posts abutting their parking spaces, in a reasonably safe condition.
10. On and before April 21, 2024, notwithstanding said duty, Defendant O'REILLY was negligent in one or more of the following aspects:
  - a) Created an unreasonably dangerous trip and fall hazard;
  - b) Placed a post on its premises that hung over the adjacent sidewalk;
  - c) Failed to make a reasonable inspection of the aforesaid premises, when the Defendant knew, or should have known, that said inspection was necessary to prevent injury to the Plaintiff;
  - d) Failed to warn or otherwise protect persons, such as the Plaintiff of the unreasonably dangerous condition;
  - e) Failed to perform proper maintenance on said post so that it would remain in an upright position;
  - f) Allowed its post to hang over a public sidewalk;
  - g) Allowed its post to remain out after its regular business hours where poor visibility would prevent pedestrians from appreciating the post;
  - h) Tucked the round base of the aforesaid posts directly underneath parking bumpers when it knew or should have known that such placement would result in parking cars hitting the posts, causing them to bend or otherwise threaten the safety of pedestrians using the adjacent sidewalk.

11. That as a direct and proximate result of one or more of the foregoing negligent and/or omissions, Plaintiff sustained injuries of a personal, permanent and pecuniary nature and the Plaintiff then and there suffered severe and permanent injuries, both externally and internally, was and will in the future be hindered from attending to her usual duties and affairs, suffered and will in the future suffer great pain and anguish, in both mind and in



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WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, DAVID MARTINEZ, prays that judgment be entered against the Defendant, O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE ENTERPRISES, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, for an amount in excess of jurisdictional limits established by this court, plus the costs of this suit.

### COUNT III

#### NEGLIGENCE - VAQUERO FRANKLIN PARK PARTNERS, LP

Plaintiff, DAVID MARTINEZ, by and through his attorneys, MORICI, LONGO, & ASSOCIATES, and complaining of Defendant, VAQUERO FRANKLIN PARK PARTNERS, LP, a Texas Limited Partnership (hereinafter "VAQUERO"), states as follows:

1. On and before April 21, 2024, Defendant VAQUERO was a Texas Limited Partnership in the business of owning, operating, managing, maintaining and/or controlling a commercial property located at 9659 West Grand Avenue in Village of Franklin Park, County of Cook, and State of Illinois.
2. On and before April 21, 2024, Defendant VAQUERO maintained certain customer parking spaces immediately adjacent to a public sidewalk that runs in an east-west direction along the southside of Grand Avenue in the Village of Franklin Park, County of Cook, and State of Illinois.
3. On and before April 21, 2024, Defendant VAQUERO caused and/or permitted its tenant at 9659 West Grand Avenue to set up movable posts with signs on them at the front of each of the aforesaid parking spaces adjacent to the aforesaid sidewalk in order to identify



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the parking spaces as being for the exclusive use of customers doing business at its property.

4. On and before April 21, 2024, Defendant VAQUERO had actual and constructive notice of the fact that one or more of the posts used for the parking signs was in gross disrepair by virtue of being bent in such a way that one or more of the posts were not maintained in an upright position and instead protruded over the surrounding area, including over the aforesaid public sidewalk that runs in an east-west direction along the southside of Grand Avenue in the Village of Franklin Park, County of Cook, and State of Illinois.
5. On and before April 21, 2024, Defendant VAQUERO had actual and/or constructive knowledge that the posts hanging over the aforesaid public sidewalk constituted a tripping hazard and a dangerous condition, and that it would in no way constitute an open and obvious condition to anyone who encountered it in the evening when it was dark outside.
6. On the evening of April 21, 2024, at approximately 9:00 p.m., Plaintiff, DAVID MARTINEZ, was lawfully walking eastbound on a public sidewalk along the south side of Grand Avenue in the Village of Franklin Park, County of Cook, and State of Illinois.
7. On the evening of April 21, 2024, at approximately 9:00 p.m., as he lawfully walked eastbound on the public sidewalk on south side of Grand Avenue, Plaintiff DAVID MARTINEZ tripped over one of the aforesaid posts that was protruding over the public sidewalk, causing him to fall and sustain injuries.
8. On and before April 21, 2024, Defendant VAQUERO in the exercise of reasonable care should have known that individuals walking on the public sidewalk along the southside of Grand Avenue would not expect to encounter a post hanging over the sidewalk and would not be able to see or appreciate said post in the evening when it was dark, and had such notice and



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9. On and before April 21, 2024, the Defendant had a duty to exercise reasonable care toward individuals using the public sidewalk it was encumbering with its post, including Plaintiff.
10. On and before April 21, 2024, notwithstanding said duty, Defendant VAQUERO was negligent in one or more of the following aspects:
  - a) Allowed an unreasonably dangerous trip and fall hazard;
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  - c) Failed to make a reasonable inspection of the aforesaid premises, when the Defendant knew, or should have known, that said inspection was necessary to prevent injury to the Plaintiff;
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WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, DAVID MARTINEZ, prays that judgment be entered against the Defendant, VAQUERO FRANKLIN PARK PARTNERS, LP, a Texas Limited Partnership, for an amount in excess of jurisdictional limits established by this court, plus the costs of this suit.

#### COUNT IV

##### PREMISES LIABILITY – VAQUERO FRANKLIN PARK PARTNERS, LP

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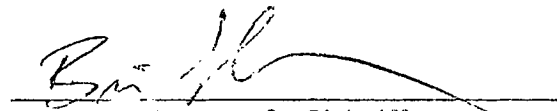


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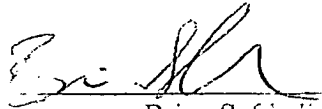
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JURY DEMAND

The undersigned demands a jury trial.

  
Brian S. Shallcross

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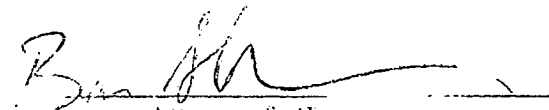
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I, Brian S. Shallcross, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and states that if I were called upon to testify, I would state as follows:

1. That I am an attorney at law licensed to practice in the State of Illinois.
2. That I am an attorney with the law firm of Morici, Longo & Associates, an attorney of record for the Plaintiff, DAVID MARTINEZ.
3. That based upon the information available to me at the present time, the total amount of money damages sought in this matter exceeds \$30,000.00.
4. That this Affidavit is submitted in compliance with Supreme Court Rule 222(b).

Further, Affiant sayeth naught.

[X] Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to 735 ILCS § 5/1-106 of the Code of Civil Procedure, I certify that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be upon information and belief and as to such matters the undersigned certifies that I said that I verily believe the same to be true.

  
 Attorney for Plaintiff

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